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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN HAITI

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1995, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 8th and 14th meetings, on 18 and 31 October 1995, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) (A/50/363 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/50/488). Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.8 and 14).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/50/L.3

3. At its 14th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Mexico introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/50/L.3), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/50/L.3 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

(a) Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 21,202,240 dollars gross (20,840,040 dollars net) already assessed in accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/239 of 31 March 1995, to assess the additional amount of 42,404,480 dollars gross (41,680,080 dollars net) for the period from 1 August to 31 October 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995 and 49/249 B of 14 September 1995 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1995; 1/

(b) Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the assessment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph (a) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 724,400 dollars authorized for the Mission for the period from 1 August to 31 October 1995;

(c) Decides further to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 to 30 November 1995 in the amount of 21,202,240 dollars gross (20,840,040 dollars net);

(d) Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to assess the amount of 21,202,240 dollars gross (20,840,040 dollars net), for the period from 1 to 30 November 1995, among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph (a) above;

(e) Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the assessment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph (d) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 362,200 dollars authorized for the Mission for the period from 1 to 30 November 1995.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Revision of the general regulations of the World Food Programme and reconstitution of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme (WFP) should be transformed into an Executive Board and that consultations between the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) should be undertaken as soon as possible for that purpose, in view of the fact that WFP was an autonomous joint organ of both. It also decided that this process should lead to the adoption of parallel resolutions by the General Assembly and the Conference of FAO.

2. By its decision 1995/227 of 6 June 1995, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Revision of the general regulations of the World Food Programme and reconstitution of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes as the Executive Board of the World Food Programme". The draft resolution is before the General Assembly in a report of the Second Committee (A/50/615, para. 5).

3. At the 14th plenary meeting of its twenty-eighth session, on 31 October 1995, the FAO Conference adopted, by consensus, a resolution parallel to the draft resolution recommended to the General Assembly by the Second Committee (see para. 2 above). In that resolution, the FAO Conference decided, subject to the concurrence of the General Assembly of the United Nations, that the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes would be reconstituted as the Executive Board of WFP with 36 members, and decided to approve the revised general regulations of WFP contained in the appendix of that resolution.

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